

Jessie Nash Wins Collegiate Dairy Judging Contest at World Expo

Former 2018 OE Graduate and MSU student, Jessie Nash, won the 2022 National Intercollegiate Dairy Cattle Judging Contest in Madison, Wisconsin on October 6, 2022. She was the first MSU student to win the award in six decades.

Over a dozen teams and 50 individuals competed in the National Dairy Cattle Judging Contest at the World Dairy Expo. The competitors evaluated 12 classes of cattle during the event and presented six sets of oral reasons for their decisions as to why they placed cattle the way they did.

Jessie also won the high-individual dairy judging score at the All-American Dairy Show in Pennsylvania. She will compete in the North American International Livestock Expo on October 31st where she hopes to achieve the triple crown in judging.

Jessie grew up in Elsie on a 370 head dairy farm. Her great-grandfather also competed in dairy judging contests. She would have been happy with winning a ribbon in Madison, but to her surprise she earned a score of 840 from the judges, the highest individual score in the contest. Jessie is the daughter of Pam and Kevin Nash.

Congratulations Jessie and Good Luck at the North American International Livestock Expo.



Jessie Nash

Sadie Bass Draws Large Audience

On Sunday, October 16th, McClintock Park saw a huge crowd in attendance for a concert featuring Sadie Bass, a 2014 Bath graduate and a contestant on the popular show, "The Voice". The concert was sponsored by Local Roots, a Laingsburg business who's owner Roy Liskey was instrumental in bringing Bass to town as one of his employees is best friends with Bass. Liskey, a musician himself, doubled with Sadie kicking off the two hour concert.

Bass is a country music singer/songwriter. She moved to Nashville in 2020 to pursue a serious career in country music. She has gained national attention on "The Voice" during Blind Auditions where she performed Keith Urban's rendition of Stupid Boy. She had chair turns from Blake Shelton and Gwen Stefani. Shelton, Stefani along with John Legend and Camila Cabello are the four voice coaches on the show that airs every Monday and Tuesday night. After the blind auditions, Bass had to choose a voice coach. She selected Gwen Stefani as her voice coach as she continues thru the competition this season on the show.



Photos by Clint Hawks



the annual Halloween Party afterward at the Fire Station, 140 W. Maple St. Elsie. They will be providing hot dogs, cider, games and more.

Ovid - Monday, October 31, 2022, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Ovid Middlebury Fire Department - Trunk or Treat 12:00 Noon - 3:00 p.m. October 29, 2022. 1045 Baese Ct., Ovid. Candy and hotdogs. Sponsored by 1800 BoardUp.

Ovid Healthcare Center - Trunk or Treat Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, 5:30-7:30pm. 9480 E. M-21.

An Event So Good It's Scary - Monday, October 31, 2022, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Daytime trick or treating for young children at various businesses in St. Johns. Participating businesses with have a "pumpkin" sign on their store window/door.

St. Johns - The trick-or-treat hours are from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022. The beginning and ending of the candy gathering period will be signaled by the fire whistle. Please use caution when driving as there will be lots of children running door to door to collect candy.

Owosso - Monday, October 31, 2021. Trick or Treating hours are from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Ashley - Monday, October 31, 2021 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Laingsburg - Monday, October 31, 2022. Trick or Treating from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fire Whistle will sound at 6pm.

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Proceedings

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – The regular meeting of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education was held Monday, October 17, 2022. The district continues to address staffing changes, resignations and negotiations.

Monthly action was taken to pass the consent agenda. Included are approval of the meeting agenda, approval of the minutes from the September 19, 2022, special and regular meetings. In addition to address transparency concerns voiced by the public the financial statements are now available expenditures in the various accounts totaled: \$163,822.72; \$722,525.15; and Purchasing Card: \$12,776.11. The cash balance as of September 30, 2022, in the general fund, \$1,069,962.52 and the school lunch fund \$237,408.86.

Mr. Jeff Sabolish representing Lewis & Knopf CPAs, PC presented the financial audit for 2021-2022. The district received a "Clean Unmodified" audit opinion. This is the highest level of assurance possible for the district's financial statements. It was noted that no control issues were reported. Under new business officials took action to approve the audit as presented.

Building reports were presented by the building principals and department heads. Ms. Rachelle Parsons, Leonard Elementary and Mrs. Alicia Ormsbee, EE Knight Elementary schools reported together. Both schools are promoting "stomp out bullying" activities and working on STEM activities with the students. In both schools the social/emotional data is complete and staff will be developing follow up programing.

Mr. Brian Powell, OE Middle School, reported that the song writing class is amazing and the progress the students are making is impressive. Noting that the students are working with song writers in Nashville, Tennessee, this program was made possible through grant funding. Students learn about the art of writing and performing plus additional careers in the music business. Students in the language arts department are on working on passion projects, topics that they have a high level of interest in, which gives them ownership in their learning and also an opportunity to work in stations and centers. Proving that a concept that works at the elementary school level can also be productive in middle school. Finally, the bunnies were born in the Agricultural Science class.

Dan Davenport, technology department, was happy to report that parts and equipment are beginning to arrive so projects can be completed. Also, a number of the technology staff will be attending a conference next week.

Mr. Jason Tokar, OE High School, updated officials on the status of filling the athletic director position. Seven candidates were interviewed and have been narrowed down to three. Final interviews were to take place later in the week. He also was happy to report that the girl's cross-country team are once again the conference champions, the boy's cross-country team ended the season in 4th place, the tennis team is conference champions and the varsity football team finished second in the conference.

Finally, Mrs. Melissa Jones, district nurse, reported that she is updating the emergency plans and preparedness for the district and is in the process of putting together assemblies to address mental health awareness for the individual buildings. In addition, Jones has created a weekly newsletter for parents, students and staff. Her goal is to hold a health fair in the spring.

Public comment included statements about the need for continued transparency and improved communication with parents.

At a prior meeting parents voiced concerns about the athletic policies and the penalties for violating the rules. Mr. Jason Tokar presented officials with a recommendation to amend the athletic handbook. Prior to his departure, Mr. Michael Watson, proposed that a restorative justice policy be adopted and added to the athletic handbook. The amended policy would allow first offense athletes who violate the athletic code of behavior to participate in 4 hours of in school counseling, 20 hours of community service, and a loss of 25% of the season in lieu of a loss of 50% of the season. Those who refuse would automatically lose 50% of the athletic season. Discussion followed. Mrs. Mary Thompson, board trustee, requested that there be clarity regarding second and third violations. Tokar noted that the policy would be further evaluated and recommendations would be presented to the board in the future. The policy was adopted with one descending vote.

Next, officials took action to update the NEOLA policies, also referred to as the board policies. Mr. Randy Barton, interim superintendent, presented a brief over view of each of the policies. All were approved except one relating to team and organizational flags.

Additionally, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education addressed a number employee related issue. A letter of resignation was received from Michael Watson, high school assistant principal and athletic director, which was accepted with regrets. Next, officials retired in closed session for the purpose of employee negotiations. Upon returning in open session officials took action to amend the O-E teacher's contract as negotiated.

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**CITY OF OVID
NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 8, 2022 General Election has been scheduled for Monday, October 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the City Hall Administration office located at 114 E. Front Street, Ovid.
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the programs and the Election Equipment being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

*Josefina Medina, Clerk
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Ovid-Elsie Coat & Boot Exchange

A coat & boot exchange will take place at the former Elsie Bank on Sunday, October 30th from 3pm-5pm. One coat/Accessory per person will be offered. Our goal is to provide those who are in need, a warm coat, hat, gloves and boots.

If you have a coat or pair of boots in good condition, we welcome your donation. We accept washed coats, hats, gloves and boots for all ages. For more information or delivery instructions for donations, please call 989-388-7649. This event sponsored by Ovid-Elsie Good Vibes.

Elsie Community Blood Drive

The United Methodist Church, 160 W. Main St., Elsie will be holding a Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Elsie Lions Club.

To schedule an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org (sponsor code ElsieCommunity) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Elsie Masonic Lodge to Hold Pancake Breakfast

by Dawn D Levey

ELSIE – Elsie Masonic Lodge #238 will hold its monthly pancake breakfast to support the Elsie Baby Pantry. The breakfast will be held Saturday, October 29, 2022, 9 am-12:00 pm, at the Masonic Community Center located at 100 E Main Street, Elsie, and the cost is donations. The menu will include: pancakes, eggs, sausage and beverages and will be prepared in a Michigan Department of Public Health approved facility. All proceeds from the breakfast will be donated to the Elsie Baby Pantry

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The Ashley Sportsman Club will be hosting a Concealed Pistol License Class on Saturday, November 5th from 8am-4:30pm at 8554 S. Mason Road in Bannister. Firearms and ammo will be available. If you bring your own handgun, bring 50 rounds of ammo. Classroom material is furnished and lunch will be available. The instructors are certified and the class fee is \$120. To pre-register call Norm Martin at 989-834-5628 or 989-277-1002.

CACS Christmas Application and Old Newsboy Application

submitted by Becky Zemla

C.A.C.S. Christmas Applications and Old Newsboys Applications for Children 18 or under who reside in Shiawassee County, are available at Capital Area Community Services, 1845 Corunna Ave., Owosso, now through November 10, 2022. All Households must meet 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines to qualify.

Applications are available by calling CACS at 989-723-3115. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact CACS.

Bannister ZCBJ Toys for Tots

submitted by Joanne Fornusek

Bannister ZCBJ Lodge #225 will be collecting for Gratiot County Toys for Tots again this year. We want to assist families in the area who are struggling to provide Christmas gifts for their children. Last year, this organization made sure more than 900 local children could celebrate the holiday with a new present.

If anyone (members and non-members) would like to help with this project, toys or financial donations can be dropped off at the ZCBJ Hall, 401 E. Main St., Bannister at the Bazaar on Oct. 29th or on Saturday, Nov. 5th or Nov. 12th from 7:30 am until 1 pm. or Sunday, Nov. 13th at 1:30 pm. Thank you for your help in putting a smile on a child's face this Christmas season.

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2022 NRA-PVF Grades

The National Rifle Association's Political Victory Fund has recently issued their candidate grades and endorsements for Michigan. Decisions are not based on a candidate's party affiliation, but rather on his or her record on Second Amendment issues. While locally that does not appear to be the case, there are at least a half dozen democratic legislative candidates across the state who have received an A or B grade. The NRA is a single issue organization which only evaluates candidates seeking office on gun-related issues. The Weekly Sportsman is primarily a single issue voter when it comes to elections. Candidates who understand conservation and the wise use of natural resources often get their bubble filled by the Weekly Sportsman when in the polling booth. It is very important to look at several different ratings and score cards and this column will do that over the coming weeks.

For an explanation or definition of grades given please visit www.nrapvf.org/grades/Michigan

GOVERNOR

Tudor Dixon AQ NRA ENDORSED Candidate- R

Gretchen Whitmer F Incumbent- D

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Matthew DePerno AQ NRA ENDORSED Candidate- R

Dana Nessel F Incumbent- D

U.S. HOUSE 2ND DISTRICT

John Moolenaar A NRA ENDORSED Incumbent-R

Jerry Hilliard F Candidate-D

U.S. HOUSE 7TH DISTRICT

Tom Barrett A+ NRA Endorsed Candidate-R

Elissa Slotkin F Incumbent- D

STATE SENATE 23RD

Dylan Howard AQ Candidate-R

Sam Singh Candidate-D

STATE HOUSE 71ST

Sheriff Brian BeGole AQ NRA ENDORSED Candidate-R

Mark Zacharda F Candidate- D

STATE HOUSE 75TH

Chris Stewart D Candidate-R

Penelope Tsernoglou F Candidate- D

STATE HOUSE 93RD

Graham Filler A+ NRA ENDORSED Incumbent- R

Jeffrey Locwood ? Candidate-D

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The Weekly Sportsman

by Dan McMaster

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Obituaries

Daniel J. Rademacher

Daniel J. Rademacher, a long time resident of St. Johns, died peacefully at his home on October 14, 2022 after battling COPD for many years. He was 62 years old.

Born on July 3, 1960, the son of Roderick and Mary L. (Quick) Rademacher, Dan grew up in St. Johns where he was a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High School. Following high school he worked at Federal Mogul, and at its closing attended Lansing Community College where he completed his Associate's Degree before beginning his work as a timber spotter with the Maple Rapids Lumber Mill. It was a position for which he was well suited, as it afforded him countless hours in the woods and out-of-doors he so loved. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a hard worker who was good at working with his hands, and was self-sufficient in that he was a jack-of-all-trades who could complete any task at hand.

In addition to Joan, his beloved wife of over thirty-eight years, he leaves his son, Nick (fiance Michelle Lindsey); his daughter, Jessica, and his daughter, Brittany, for whom he reserved a most special spot in his heart.

Also surviving are his siblings, Anne Rademacher, Gerald (Michelle) Rademacher, and Russell Rademacher; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rachele Rademacher, Ray Taylor, Jim Taylor, Sharon and Larry Eliason, and numerous nieces, nephews, & dear friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Ed Rademacher, father and mother-in-law, Bob & Marie Taylor, and brother-in-law, Gary Taylor.

A Memorial Gathering was held at McGeehan Funeral Home, Keck-Coleman Chapel, 1500 Waterford Parkway, St. Johns, on Wednesday, October 19.

Memorials may be made in his name to the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association.



Can't Sleep at Night...

Andy, I cannot sleep at night. I am getting out of bed at least 20 times a night. I walk, make lists, clean, fold clothes and try drinking warm milk and sometimes a glass of wine or whiskey. I am at a loss counting sheep until 3:00am and then I get up at 7:00am to start my day. I am groggy until lunch time and require a lot of caffeine every morning. Any peaceful thoughts? Sleepless in Clinton County

Dear Sleepless,

I am so sorry you cannot sleep. A good night's sleep is imperative to a productive day and a healthy life style. According to Neuroscientist Tara Swart, MD, adults need to seven hours of deep sleep and children need ten – twelve hours every night on a schedule. Some of her suggestions include: No television, no night caps, no late night snacks and no binge watching Netflix's.

First of all drinking alcohol is a depressant. Drinks before bedtime impairs the quality of sleep necessary to function throughout the day. A glass or two of wine with or after dinner but no drinking after dinner or into the evening.

Also, many people think watching a movie or television is relaxing but after a long work day, or electronics, reading a book, on the computer, texting should stop an hour before bed time. Reducing electronics will calm your mind to get into a comfortable state of mind so your brain can power down. No late night snacks. Food stimulates brain activity. Stop eating at 6:00 pm to lose weight. Caffeine can be a significant stimulate that can lasts up to 16 hours for some people. You may need to drink more water and cut out the coffee and sugar sodas or diet drinks. Try replacing your drinks with a healthier option.

Some great ideas to get some sleep without a prescription or an expensive OTC supplement: Smell lavender before bedtime. I put some oil on my wrists so I can peacefully nod off quickly. Lavender oil and floral is a powerful neuromodulator. It relaxes you and lowers your blood pressure. If you are going to drink milk, drink a nut milk with a pinch of nut meg or turmeric which is full of magnesium that helps reduce your stress hormones and calms the nervous system.

A good night's sleep can regulate your circadian rhythms and contribute to a healthier immune system. Use honey to boost your immunity and sweeten your fruit and drinks. All good sleep needs to be in a quiet dark room without stimuli. Having a nightly routine include a hot bath an hour before bedtime can also contribute to a better night's sleep. Go to bed an hour earlier instead of later. If these suggestions do not work, see your family physician to determine if there is something more serious than over-activity or anxiety contributing to your sleepless nights.

On my way to spray some lavender mist on my pillow. Good night and Sweet Dreams. Ask Andy Anything AAA ask_andy@aol.com



Have a Question for Andy?

Submit them to: ask_andy@aol.com

You can also mail or drop questions off to: Meridian Weekly P.O. Box 11, Ovid, MI 48866

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Ovid Township Election Commission will hold a Public Accuracy Test of the voting equipment to be used for the November 8, 2022, General Election, on Friday, October 28, 2022, at 1 p.m. This test will be done at the Township Hall, 1015 Baese Court, Ovid, MI. This test is being conducted as required by Michigan Law, MCL 168.798, to demonstrate to the public that votes cast will be accurately counted for all offices and on all proposals.

Claudia Barrett Pluger, Clerk
Ovid Township

Editorial

Editorials are welcome.
250 words or less.

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**CITY OF OVID SYNOPSIS REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2022**

The draft minutes may be requested at the Municipal Building located at 114 E. Front Street, or you may view them on the City's website at: www.ovidmi.org

Mayor Lasher opened the regular meeting at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ms. Perrien, Mr. Ordiway, Mr. Williams, Mr. Lasher, Mr. Brown and Mr. Starn. **ABSENT:** Ms. Hibbard

EX OFFICIO: Rich Simpson-DPW Superintendent, Police Chief-Lisa Rousseau, Liza Kusnier-Treasurer and Patti Kieffer Deputy Clerk

VISITORS: None: Val Vail-Shirey, Lyle Perrien II, Doug Scott, and Deb Price

AGENDA: Mayor Lasher asked to add an item under new business for the approval of the temporary request to use the City streets on Saturday, October 16, 2022. A motion was made by Mr. Williams, supported by Ms. Perrien to approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Brown to accept the minutes of September 12 regular meeting and September 19, 2022 special meeting as corrected.

MOTION CARRIED

CHECK REGISTRY: A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to accept the check register for the period of September 14th through October 7, 2022 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public comment can be viewed in its entirety in the full set of minutes.

TREASURER: Ms. Kusnier addressed budget amendments. She asked if council could approve the budget amendments. A motion was made by Mr. Starn, supported by Ms. Perrien to approve the budget amendments are presented.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, supported by Mr. Williams to accept the Treasurer, Police & DPW reports as presented.

MOTION CARRIED**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion on the request from Mr. Thornton for payment of the performance bond which is not requested or payable by our insurance company. A motion was made by Mr. Ordiway, supported by Mr. Williams to deny the request for payment of the performance bond to Mr. Thornton.

MOTION CARRIED

2. Doug Scott from ROWE Engineering to discuss intent to apply for a sewer grant. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Ms. Perrien to approve Rowe Engineering to write a letter of intent to apply for the sewer grant for Mayor Lasher to sign.

MOTION CARRIED

3. Car Show-Discussion was held regarding the approval of the temporary request to use the City streets on Saturday, October 16, 2022 for the Car Show. A motion was made by Mr. Brown, supported by Mr. Williams to approve the temporary request to use the City streets for the car show.

MOTION CARRIED**COMMITTEES**

1. Police-A motion was made by Ms. Perrien, supported by Mr. Starn to approve Trick-or-treating hours from 5:30- 7:00p.m. with Halloween Party to follow at the VFW hall.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Lasher closed the meeting at 8:50 p.m.
Patti Kieffer, Deputy Clerk
City of Ovid

Editorial**Faith
Focus**

by Phil Hoppersberger
Graham Community Church

“Meeting Alice Cooper”

“Let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me (Jeremiah 9:24).”

It was 1976...Las Vegas. I was a teenager when I saw Alice Cooper for the first time at the Aladdin Casino. The rock legend thundered on stage and Sin-City went berserk!

At the edge of the stage a fan snapped pictures as he sang. Alice leaned over for close ups and she frantically clicked away. Then he grabbed her camera and started taking close ups of her! Alice gave the camera back and went on to give a great performance.

Fabulous memories for her and me. I was not a famous rock star, but Alice and I had one thing in common -- we were both prodigal sons from Detroit, stoners running away from our Father in Heaven. Neither one of us knew or understood God one bit. We were lost.

That changed for me in 1980, and for Alice a bit later when we surrendered to Jesus Christ. “I was drinking with Jim Morrison, Jimi Hendrix, and trying to keep up with Keith Moon and they all died at 27,” Cooper said. “I was throwing up blood nearly every morning.” I was partying too, but with my less famous pals...Cooper, Jimmy, and Keith.

I nearly died too, but the real story is that we both came home to our Father. Jesus saved us, the famous and the not so famous. Last Friday, we finally met. He signed my book--52 THINKS ABOUT GOD--and we chatted for a bit. I gave him a copy for his teen center in Phoenix (Solid Rock), which helps kids stay off the streets with free lessons to play instruments, sports, etc.). He lit up when I told him the gospel content in my book.

When we finished talking, Alice asked me what I wanted him to sign on the title page of 52 THINKS. I suggested one of my life verses, “How about Roman 9:16-17?”

He grinned a big friendly smile and said, “How about Galatians 2:20?”

I winked back. “Works for me.” He didn’t know it, but that’s also a life verse for me.

I shared Galatians 2:20 in 1980 at my baptism in the middle of the Red Cedar River at MSU. Our mutual life verse sums up how you become a Christian (which baptism symbolizes in the death of your old life...buried in the water and then raised up anew).

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and delivered Himself up for me.” Did you catch that? Christ...lives...in...me!

Meeting Alice was a big thrill, but understanding and knowing God is the real boast. Alice and I have that in common. Jesus lives in our bodies. You can meet Alice too, in Heaven. Just surrender and ask Jesus to come inside...and join us, the former prodigals.

**A Little
Common Sense**

by Crystal Mitchell

After attending my class reunion I forgot to mention a question that was asked about my past. For everyone’s edification I was married in the Bannister United Methodist Church in September of 1973 to Clayton William Fleckenstein of West Valley, New York. My wedding reception was at the ZCBJ Hall in Bannister. We resided in Virginia where my daughter was born on June 1, 1975 and my son was born on December 30, 1976, we came back to Michigan in 1977. Because I did not know how to battle with my spouse we parted ways in the eighties but were friends. I reverted back to my birth name after the divorce. This is not the first time that I have been questioned about the paternity of my children, the first time involved Alta who attended the wedding but forgot that she had been there. I hope that I have cleared up any possible misinformation out there.

Holy smokies, the coyote were in full swing this morning. It sounded like a whole pack was in my front yard! At three, Miss Prudence decided that she needed a bathroom break and so she woke me up and I headed downstairs to the front door. It was a fast trip out the door and down the deck steps and then back in again. Within ten minutes the coyotes were howling and yipping up a storm. I’m glad that Prudence was already back in the house and now I’m a bit concerned about my cats who are even smaller than she is... I’m guessing that our local hunters will be thinning down the pack shortly.

I’m brewing a pot of my favorite coffee this morning. Don’t get me wrong, the coffee at the shop is good and I do enjoy it but for a treat I need to have a mug or two of my fave. For some reason I’m having a problem getting my thoughts to flow from my head to the screen. I know that when I get to MG’s Perx & Pastries that I have more baking to do. I filled a special order for a banana cream pie yesterday and a couple loaves of plain white country bread. Today will be an apple peeling day as well as whipping up pie crust.

Have you ever noticed how hard it can rain at times? I’m speaking figuratively. My parade got a bit soaked this week and I had to take both vehicles in for minor repairs. On the Focus the seat belt got shut into door and ripped the driver door’s seal. While in the shop the gizmo on the console that you plug your cell phone into was replaced. The tailgate on my pickup kept slamming open as I drove down the road. Lucky for me nothing flew out the back as I drove. I thought that the latches had gotten funky, not so, it was the handle that needed adjustments. I had planned on paying my house insurance which isn’t due until mid November, now that intent will be put on hold for a couple of weeks. Win some and lose some.

I need to laminate some more recipes for the shop. Diane has been having a hankering for cream puffs and is looking forward to making some. I haven’t made any for awhile but know how much folks seem to enjoy them. While visiting with Karen last night she showed me how full her fridge was, totally packed tight. I had shared some tomatoes and half a loaf of country bread with her. Linda had shared the tomatoes with me and there were more than I could get eaten before they spoiled. Now, my fridge is getting empty and needs to be cleaned. Somehow my freezers keep filling up and my fridge empties. Could be that I’m having breakfast and lunch at the shop, and of course need to taste our offerings. I really like the ham and Swiss panini. Of course the chicken cheddar is also sumptuous.

On Halloween, the three of us will be in costume and handing out candy to the kids. Please note that I did not pick out the costume... We will also have fresh cider and donuts for the adults to enjoy. And yes, we do make our own donuts, breads, muffins and such. They are fresh and like I tell my clients at the Farmer’s Market that on occasion they are so fresh that they can be cheeky. May your days be filled with interest and God’s many blessings. Both big and small. Be happy.

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The definition of stress is “a state of mental or emotional strain or tension resulting from adverse or very demanding circumstances.” Stress is a part of everyday life. Traffic, work, deadlines, school, schedules, people, activities, and so on, and all create daily stress in one fashion or another.

When things occur like challenges or changes in our routine or life, our body automatically responds physically and mentally, which that process of response is what stress is. So, to say stress is a normal reaction for the human body, would be accurate. The human body is equipped and designed to react to and experience stress every day. This helps us to adjust and adapt to new situations that occur in life every day. Knowing that not all stress is unhealthy can improve the understanding of the function stress has on your body. Keeping you motivated or alert to avoid dangerous situations are actually positive ways stress works for you but any type of stress is bad if it is continued for long periods of time without a break or relief. That's when problems begin.

The effect stress has on the body differs from person to person. The “flight or fight response” in the body engages to help handle situations that are stressful. This nervous system can control the body's heart rate, breathing, change in vision, temperature, and more, providing help the body is needing.

When the person is under stress at a chronic level such as having stress for a long period of time (long-term), the stress response is constantly activated wearing down the body that leads to physical, emotional and mental symptoms.

Physically stress can cause; Muscle tension, Jaw clenching, Aches and pains, Exhaustion, Trouble sleeping, Chest pain, Headaches or dizziness, Stomach problems, Digestive issues, Trouble having sex, High blood pressure, Lowered immune system, And more.

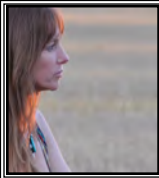
Emotionally stress can create symptoms of; Anxiety, Depression, Irritability, Panic attacks, Sadness, And more

Unfortunately, and a lot of the time, chronic stress is the beginning of an unhealthy lifestyle leading the person into smoking, alcoholism, eating disorders, overeating, gambling, drug use, and many other dangerous things. Your health and your life are in danger at this point and medical care is needed.

If you're feeling stressed out or overwhelmed, please contact your doctor or seek the advice from a qualified health care provider before it gets this bad or out of control.

For the typical everyday stress, that doesn't require a visit to the physician, there are some techniques that can be utilized on your own to lower stress levels. These strategies can be practiced on a daily basis, because let's face it, you can't avoid stress.

- Things to help prevent or relieve stress include;
- Walks - nature is very grounding and calming.
 - Exercise - boosts moods.
 - Reflection - list the daily accomplishments made creates positivity.
 - Goals - set a daily, weekly or monthly plan to help have control of tasks.
 - Counseling - talking to a therapist can be beneficial to see a new perspective on things.
 - Relaxation techniques - meditation, yoga, qigong, tai chi, breath work, etc. lowers the tension in the body.
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 - Affirmations - increase positive endorphins and are great for self-love.
 - Acceptance - know what is beyond your control, stay positive, and practice gratitude.
 - Say no - Let go - and Stay Connected, to those who are healthy to be around.
- As you can see, there are many ways to keep yourself healthy and the levels of stress at bay.



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Wolfpack's CMAC-clinching win at Fowler more revealing than first thought

With apologies to our Ashley and Ovid-Elsie readers, please understand. You have won your share of football conference championships over the years.

In Laingsburg, on the southern third of The Weekly's coverage area, the debate has raged for the better part of three weeks now. Just how monumental was Laingsburg's 27-14 victory at Fowler on October 7?

How much did Brian Borgman's Wolfpack have to overcome that night? That answer is simple enough: time, history, emotion, lousy luck and yes, maybe even prep athletic politics.

In the three weeks, there have been claims of past co-championships and "Glory Day" (thank you, Bruce Springsteen) seasons.

But it took a phone call from a good friend and mentor, former LHS superintendent Hal Beatty, to prompt the research that proves out his claim that, indeed ...

2022 is the Wolfpack's first-and-only CMAC championship, albeit shared in a three-team split with Fowler and Pewamo-Westphalia-Westphalia. The Wolfpack has finished as the runner-up several times, but never been able to break through. Particularly in western Clinton County.

Until now.

That Laingsburg won the title in a season when they played on the road at both P-W and Fowler is notable. The P-W road trip ended in a tough, 28-21 loss. The Fowler trip was a flip of an all-too-familiar script.

According to the Michigan High School Football website (<https://michigan-football.com>), the Central Michigan Athletic Conference (CMAC) debuted during the 1966 football season, with members Fowler, Bath, Pottersville, Portland St. Patrick, Pewamo-Westphalia, Webberville, DeWitt and Laingsburg. The Fowler Eagles won that first title at 7-0, 8-0 overall.

Over the years, teams have come and gone, like Olivet, Bellevue, Springport and Fulton-Middleton. Bath left the CMAC in the early 1970s, then re-upped again in 1987.

The forerunner of the CMAC, the Central Michigan 'C' Conference, featured teams like the Ovid Romans, the Elsie Big Reds, the Portland Red Raiders, the Perry Ramblers and the DeWitt Panthers, in addition to LHS. Wolfpack state titles in 6-man football have been duly noted over decades now.

Laingsburg joined the CMC in 1954 following the departure of the Chesaning Indians and Durand Railroaders. The Wolves were runner-up that '54 season to unbeaten Corunna. Perry, Elsie and Ovid rounded out the standings. Official state high school records date back to 1950; that's right, in 72 years LHS had never finished as a conference kingpin on the gridiron.

Until now.

Past CMAC football champions:

1966 - Fowler	1985 - Fowler	2004 - Fulton-Middleton
1967 - Bath, St. Pats, Pottersville (tie)	1986 - Fowler	2005 - Fulton-Middleton
1968 - Pewamo-Westphalia	1987 - Fowler	2006 - Fulton-Middleton
1969 - DeWitt	1988 - Pewamo-Westphalia	2007 - Fulton-Middleton
1970 - DeWitt	1989 - Pewamo-Westphalia	2008 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1971 - DeWitt, Pottersville (tie)	1990 - Fowler, Fulton-Middleton (tie)	2009 - Pottersville
1972 - Fowler, Springport (tie)	1991 - Portland St. Patrick	2010 - Fowler
1973 - Pottersville	1992 - Portland St. Patrick	2011 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1974 - Fowler	1993 - Fowler	2012 - Fowler
1975 - Fowler	1994 - Fulton-Middleton	2013 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1976 - Fulton-Middleton	1995 - Fowler	2014 - Fowler
1977 - Fulton-Middleton	1996 - Fowler	2015 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1978 - Fulton-Middleton	1997 - Fowler	2016 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1979 - Fowler	1998 - Fulton-Middleton, P-W (tie)	2017 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1980 - Olivet	1999 - Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia (tie)	2018 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1981 - Pewamo-Westphalia	2000 - Fowler	2019 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1982 - Pewamo-Westphalia	2001 - Pewamo-Westphalia	2020 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1983 - Fowler	2002 - Fowler	2021 - Pewamo-Westphalia
1984 - Fowler, Pewamo-Westphalia (tie)	2003 - Fulton-Middleton	2022 - Laingsburg, Fowler, P-W (tie)

Wolfpack Scores Early and Often in 34-14 Rout of Neighboring Perry

LAINGSBURG — On a mild, calm mid-October night that was supposed to rainy and windy, coach Brian Borgman and his football Wolfpack took advantage of every opportunity they could muster.

Junior QB Ty Randall scored three plays into the contest, and the Wolves were off and running to their 6th-straight victory.

Laingsburg qualified for post-season action at 6-2 overall with a 34-14 rout of the Perry Ramblers. PHS fell to 3-5 overall with the non-league loss.

Wolfpack Nation, already celebrating a share of the 2022 CMAC title with their October 7 win at Fowler, shrugged their shoulders when learning that both Fowler (vs. Saranac) and Pewamo-Westphalia-Westphalia (vs. Bath) won big to earn triple-shares of the league championship. The Ramblers were the task at hand and Borgman's charges made quick work.

Jack Borgman was one sideline-push away from breaking the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Randall then dominated the field, connecting on a long strike over the middle, and at the 11:15 mark — just :45 second into the contest — scampered untouched 11 yards into the end zone. After Jack Audretsch kicked the PAT for a 7-0 lead, the rout was on.

Randall was good again on a 15-yard pass to Hayden Johnston with 4:51 still left in the opening frame and an Audretsch boot staked the hosts to a 14-0 advantage.

Over the course of the next two periods, the red-and-white hosts upped the advantage to 28-0. Randall tossed a 6-yard touchdown to Connor Hulliberger just before halftime. Mikey Brooks bulled in from a yard out midway through the 3rd quarter, Audretsch was good on both PAT boots, and the Wolves were in complete control before the Ramblers could get on the board.

PHS scored its first TD on Austin Poirier's 8-yard run with 7:13 left in the game. Four minutes later, Brooks broke free for his second TD run of the night, this time a 14-yarder.



My Turn At Bat

by Tom Turek

Audretsch's PAT kick ran the tally to 34-7.

Poirier passed to Timothy Hall on an 83-yard catch-and-run with 3:04 remaining. Rease Teel kicked the second of his two PATs for Perry, completing the scoring at 34-14.

Statistically, the battle was more lopsided than the final score. LHS rolled to 479 yards total offense, compared to 180 for the Ramblers. Poirier completed 5-of-16 passes for 98 yards and also led Perry with 60 yards on 15 carries. Hall caught two passes for 98 yards. Teel also picked off Randall for an interception.

Randall was good on 16-of-24 aerials for 212 yards and two scores. Hulliberger caught 5 of those for 102 yards; Johnston 6 for 57; Mitchell Yates 1 for 23; Jack Borgman 2 for 15; Eli Woodruff one for 8; Vance Klont one for 7.

Brooks cracked the Rambler defense for 88 yards on 12 carries. Borgman rushed 14 for 82, Randall 9 for 67.

Junior LB Seth Sivak again led the Pack with 5 tackles. Tommy Gousetis, Brooks, Yates, Borgman, Camren Curtis-Hart, Rocco Keilen, Alex Forcier, Hulliberger, James Nixon, Kyle Boettcher, Lucas Matthews, Noah Gentner and Sean Divine all made tackles for the Wolfpack defense.

"We had some hiccups, setbacks and a lot of penalties tonight that we need to clean up," coach Borgman said. "We needed that quick start because we fell apart a little bit during the middle of the game."

Borgman's Wolves completed the season vs. the non-league Montrose Rams before learning their playoff seeding. The MHSAA post-season kicks off Friday, October 28; details to be announced.



Seth Sivak lead the Pack with 5 tackles during the match up with Perry Ramblers on October. 14th.

Mikey Brooks scored two touchdowns for the Wolfpack with 88 yards on 12 carries.

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Sports

Bears Pound Caseville

by Ashleigh Shaw

In their last away game of the season the Ashley Bears took it to the Caseville Eagles winning the game 58-18. This season the Bears have had difficulty coming to play from the first kick, against the Eagles though, that wasn't the case. Ashley came out scoring first and kept the momentum going all night. "We were able to strike early and take the momentum and we had a big defensive night from a few kids too" said Coach Saylor.

Quarterback Robert Kral, went 5 for 11 throwing for 77 yards and a 2-point conversion. Baily Long had a massive game scoring three touchdowns and a 2-point conversion totaling 204 yards. His little brother Will Long had 5 carries for 138 yards and two touchdowns. Logan Drummond added 10 yards on 4 carries and scored a 2-point conversion. W. Long also had 2 catches for 38 yards and a 2-point conversion.

Defensively Ashley was led by B. Long who had 16 tackles followed by Gavin Malek who had a big night with 11 tackles, a sack, two interceptions and scored on a pick six. Logan Drummond had 8 tackles, Heath Powelson had 6 tackles and W. Long had 5 tackles, and a forced fumble.

Wolfpack Harriers in Action at Greater Lansing Cross-Country Championships

GRAND LEDGE — Coach Shawn Baynes' Laingsburg boys placed 24th and the Lady Wolfpack placed 17th at the Greater Lansing Cross-Country Championships here.

For the girls, Emily Rathka finished 55th (21:00.16), Madison Phillips was 77th (21:36.28) and Evelyn Logghe 93rd (22:08.15). Rounding out the LHS girls effort was Addison Rusz 108th (22:28.37), Hazel Burley 127th (22:55.1), Kathryn Magyar 158th (24:21.91) and Grace Knull 159th in 25:39.91.

Placing in the 35-team boys field were Noah Devereaux 55th (17:45.38), James Foltz 113th (18:38.06), Felix Ramirez 138th (19:08.13), Aden Baynes 154th (19:30.90), Logan Robinson 176th (20:10.38) and Caleb Boettcher 185th (20:20.04).

Phillips, Burley, Foltz and Ramirez all posted personal best times for the Wolfpack.

Marauders Bounce Back From Early 6-0 Disadvantage, Clobber Mt. Morris 54-18 to Wrap Up MMAC 2nd Place

OVID-ELSIE — Things didn't go the way the Ovid-Elsie varsity football team wanted in New Lothrop. There, the Durand Railroaders nipped the host Hornets, 23-21, to wrap up the MMAC football title.

A New Lothrop win would have given coach Travis Long's Marauders a share of their second-straight Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) title.

There was no stewing in Marauderland, however, as O-E bounced back from an early 6-0 deficit to trounce Mt. Morris, 54-18, on the final night of league play. The win was O-E's fifth-straight and assuredly qualified them for the post-season at 6-2 overall, 5-1 in the MMAC. The visiting Panthers drooped to 1-5 in the circuit, 1-7 overall. The aforementioned action at New Lothrop ended with Durand continuing its unbeaten season at 8-0, wrapping up the MMAC championship at 6-0.

That was the "administrative" part of the evening of October 14. Now, back to football ...

The Panthers surprised by home crowd by scoring first on a 38-yard strike from Landon Shoens to Ryan Brim. Hayden Garza missed the PAT kick, but Mt. Morris held O-E scoreless through the first quarter and led 6-0 at the break.

It didn't take O-E long to get rolling in the second quarter. Tryce Tokar blasted in from a yard out, the try for two was no good, tying the ledger at 6-6 at the 11:32 mark. The teams then traded touchdowns in a furious race to intermission.

Tokar hit Clay Wittenberg with a 75-yard scoring toss for a 12-6 lead. The try for two again didn't work. O-E's Perrien Rasch then broke a 47-yard sprint to the end zone, Tokar found Wittenberg with the 2-point pass, the Marauders now leading 20-6.

The furious scoring parade continued. Shoens completed a 59-yard strike to Christian Dye and after two-point conversion failed, O-E led 20-12. Still before halftime, Tokar struck again, this time to Logan Thompson for a 50-yard touchdown. It stayed 26-12 at halftime after Ovid-Elsie failed on the try for two.

The hosts then stoked the lead to 35 points by the end of the third quarter. Carter Kelley scored on a 4-yard run at the 10:27 mark; Thompson ran for 20 yards at 8:25; Cohen Brown scampered in on a 7-yard run at 1:15, and Julien Mortier booted all three PATs for a commanding 47-12 lead entering the 4th quarter.

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Shoens passed for his third touchdown of the contest, filling it to Brim again from 39 yards. When the Panthers again failed on the PAT, their scoring was complete with 18 points.

Isaac Orta put the finishing touches on a dominant night at Mark O'Donnell Field on a 36-yard sprint to score. Mortier kicked the PAT for a 54-18 final.

Shoens had a fine passing night hitting 15-of-26 passes for 233 yards and a trio of TDs, but he was also picked off

twice by Braxton Stenger and once by Rasch. O-E also forced a fumble. The Marauder defense, resurgent over the last several weeks, was led in tackles by Landon Stoneman (11 tackles, 9 solo, three sacks), Beau Price, Thompson, Stenger, Rasch, Wittenberg, Kevin Ley, Jake Bowen, Jamison Custer, Cohen Brown, Tokar, Kelley, Breckin Kirby, Justin Cole, Gage Kvalevog, Dawson Taylor, Cole Workman and Luke Follett, all with stops. Rasch, Price, Ley and Bowen all boasted sacks of Shoens.

Tokar passed 12 times, connecting on 6 for 164 yards, as the Marauders raced to a 515-199 bulge in total yardage. Wittenberg caught two balls for 79 yards, Thompson one for 50, Stenger two for 18, Custer one for 17.

Ten different players carried the ball for O-E. Rasch led the pack with carries for 102 yards, Custer 9 for 73, Kelley 5 for 70, Thompson 4 for 32, Wittenberg one for 20, Cohen Tyler two for 13, Cohen Brown two for 11.

Coach Long's Marauders ended the regular season against long-time rival Corunna, while awaiting their post-season assignment for the MHSAA playoffs, which open October 28.



A face mask grab didn't deter OE's Landon Stoneman from stopping this Mt. Morris player. Stoneman had 11 tackles on the night with 9 of them solos.

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Perrien Rasch broke a 47-yard sprint to end zone for OE during the Oct. 14th win against Mt. Morris.

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Sports

Wolfpack Advances to District Finals on the Soccer Pitch, 4-2 over Dansville

LAINGSBURG — Fighting through the rain drops, wind and soaked conditions, the host Wolfpack gutted out a 4-2 boys soccer victory over Dansville at the Wolfpack Athletic Complex.

The MHSAA District semifinal win moved coach Natalie Elkins' Wolves into the October 22 District Final game vs. No. 3-ranked Lansing Christian (21-2).

The Wolfpack (10-3-4) controlled the action for the majority of the semifinal, with a 13-5 advantage in shots on goal, and built a 2-0 lead early.

LHS junior Dano Winans put Laingsburg up 1-0 with 33:05 left in the first half. He took a long shot near the right sideline and the unlikely goal sailed just over the reach of the Dansville goalie. The Wolfpack went up 2-0 when Zach Grandy fed senior Paul Pageot, who scored from the left side of the goal with 15:56 left in the half. The Aggies cut the gap to 2-1 as Andrea Madnani headed in a goal with 5:07 left before halftime.

With 31:08 left in the second half, Dansville tied the game at 2 when Chase Goff scored off a penalty kick to the left side of the net. The ball slid just under the reach of Laingsburg keeper Luke Snyder.

Laingsburg had the situation under control thanks to goals by Jacob Essenberg and Marlon Graham in the next 13 minutes of action. Essenberg, a sophomore, took a pass from Haydon Collier and lofted the ball over the goalie's head with 24:22 left in regulation. Graham, another sophomore, then made it 4-2, with a long one-touch, upper-shelf goal from the left with his left foot.

Snyder made three big saves in net.

Laingsburg had captured only one boys soccer district championship in its history — that coming in 2008 when it was a consolidated team with Bath. That year, Laingsburg / Bath also won the regional championship, advancing to the state semifinals, where it lost 2-0 to Dexter.

Lady Bees Get Past Wolfpack Volleyballers in Three Sets

BATH — The host Bees rolled to 22-25, 22-25 and 15-25 nods over Laingsburg here October 19, dropping coach Kelsey Jones' Lady Wolfpack volleyballers to 7-10-3 overall.

Ashley Bila with 13 digs and Callie Clark with 11 sparked the LHS defense. Sophie Freeman had three blocks and Ellie Baynes, one.

Offensively, Bella Strieff led the way with 10 kills. Freeman added 4 kills and Baynes 4, set up by 18 assists from Brynn Wilson.

Clark led at the service line with 6 aces.

Marauder Netters in Non-League Loss to Portland Raiders, 3-0

PORTLAND — Ovid-Elsie dropped a three-set nod here on October 13.

Coach Caron Meister's Marauders lost the non-league match, 15-25, 20-25 and 9-25.

Railroaders win in four sets over Ovid-Elsie volleyballers

OVID-ELSIE — Ellyana Carman drilled six kills and Rylee Lewis sparked the O-E defense with 20 digs, but coach Caron Meister's Lady Marauders dropped a four-set match to the Durand Railroaders here.

Set scores were 19-25, 16-25, 27-25 and 17-25 in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference (MMAC) matchup.

The Railroaders, improving to 4-2 in the MMAC, were led by Shianne Root, with 12 kills and four blocks.



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1st place Dan Culpepper (9-3), 2nd Mike Arens (9-3), 3rd place Mike Cole (9-3). All places based on tie-breaker.

Did you catch this one on TV Saturday? When you gotta go, you gotta go.

SMU learned that the hard way Friday night, despite a 40-34 home win over Navy to snap a three-game losing streak. After the Mustangs scored early in the third quarter, two handlers escorted SMU's live pony mascot, Peruna, onto the field for his customary celebration run. That's precisely when nature called ... and Peruna did what she had to do.

I'm pretty sure the Midshipmen wanted nothing to with playing football on that field after. Hence, a six-point loss?

Speaking of horse poop, that would be a good word to describe some of our fearless forecasters' effort this past week. The Guru knew the slate was tough. But this tough?

The Louisiana win over Marshall proved to be particularly tough. As did the Steelers' upset of the mighty Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Guru apologizes for nothing. Be prepared for more of the same on this slate.

Having said that, the winning percentages this week were the lowest of any week since Week One. We had six pigskin pickers all tie at 9-3 — that's why filling in the tie-breaker, and getting close — is so important.

In the Guru's staff race, Wolfie didn't give up any ground to the Duff, and still leads .638% to .569%.



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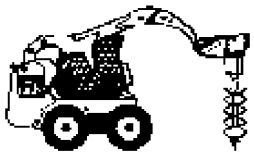
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submitted by Allen Martin

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2022 Toys for Tots Season

submitted by Kelly Schafer

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Victor Township

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Proposed Board Minutes from October 10, 2022 meeting

The regular meeting of Victor Township was called to order by Supervisor J. Conklin at 7:01 pm.

Attendance: Present: Willoughby, J. Conklin, Townsend, Fickes and A. Conklin.

Agenda: Motion by Willoughby to approve the agenda as printed. Supported by Townsend. Request by A. Conklin to add item #16 Elector Challenge to the agenda. Motion amended by Willoughby. Supported by Townsend. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Fickes to approve the September 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Supported by Townsend. Request by Fickes to amend the minutes to include the full name of the maintenance contractor. Motion amended by Fickes. Supported by Townsend. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Fickes to approve the September 27, 2022 Special Meeting minutes. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Motion by A. Conklin to accept the treasurer's report. Supported by Fickes. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Approval of bills: Motion by Townsend to disburse payroll and related payroll expenses in the amount of \$11,225.86. Supported by Townsend. All in favor.

Motion carried.

Motion by Willoughby to pay the bills in the amount of \$19,012.54 using checks #28626-28638 and to disburse payment to the township attorney and custodial contractor. Supported by Fickes. All in favor.

Motion carried.

County Officials: Clinton County Deputy Chrenka reported crime is on the rise in the southern end of the county and is beginning to spread into smaller communities.

Victor Township Planning Commission: Mr. Sell reported on internet workgroup updates. Trustee Townsend reported on cemetery and road recommendations and provided an update on the parks and rec plan. The next Planning Commission meeting will be held in the Victor Township Fire Hall training room on November 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

LSW: Townsend attended meeting and provided the August 2022 run report.

Maintenance & Facilities: Outdoor wifi beacon has been mounted and several tasks from last months meeting have been completed. Items to add to the maintenance list are: light pole removal, down spout replacement and repair, and dead brush removal from cemetery fence line.

Correspondence: 2022 Tax Levy and Lake Victoria Day of Review was provided to the Board.

Unfinished Business:

• Broadband: Clinton County initiated Broadband RFP closed September 30, 2022. East Service Area received 6 bids. 3 bids served less than 1,000 households.

• Hazard Mitigation: No updates.

New Business:

• Township Audit: Motion by Willoughby to accept the 2021-2022 audit report as prepared. Supported by Fickes. Roll call.

Motion carried.

• Cindy Smith Cemetery Request: Motion by Willoughby to approve the request if the stone can be installed flush to the ground. Supported by Fickes. Roll call.

Motion carried.

• Elector Challenge: Two challenges have been received. The township attorney is reviewing their validity and will advise when review is complete.

• Extended Comment – District 1 County Commissioner elect Andrew Wiswasser provided further detail regarding rising crime in the county and his plan to address it if elected.

Motion by J. Conklin to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Supported by Willoughby. All in favor. Motion carried.

Amanda Conklin, Clerk

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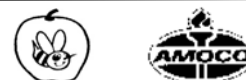
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